

Ted Henry

2026 Church Profile

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Please note that if you have a change of appointment, the information you include in this profile will be shared with your new pastor.

First Name	Last Name	Email
Ted	Henry	thenry@wnccumc.net

Church Leadership Position:	Pastor
Church	Banner Elk (Banner Elk)
District	Appalachian

Church Physical Address	
Address	486 College Drive SW
City	Banner Elk
State	NC
Zip Code	28605

Profile	
Other than the Pastor, who are the paid staff members:	rotating Pianists
Does your church/charge have a parsonage?	No
What are the worship service times and styles? What, if any, worship services are held at times other than on Sunday morning?	11:00 am Sunday. Traditional in-person worship with a variety of music. Also, online worship via Facebook and the church website.
Does your church have a website?	Yes

What is your church website?	www.bannerelkumc.org
Describe your congregation:	Mid-sized congregation of mature Christians
Briefly describe the community in which the church is located. What is the makeup of the people who live within a 3 mile radius of the church?	Resort area. Primarily retired community.
What is the mission/vision for your church and how is it related to The United Methodist Church's mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world?	Follow Jesus, Make Disciples, Transform the World
What specific action steps is your church taking to live out that mission/vision?	The congregation supports the Lees-McRae Wesley Foundation
Provide a list of the ministries within your church, ensuring that you include:	
In what ways is your church actively involved in your neighborhood/community?	The congregation supports a local thrift shop (RAM), a local food bank (Feeding Avery Families), and Hospitality House Boone, a Transitional Living Facility. UWF provides funding for several regional and overseas ministries and works in a local Elementary School in the Lunch Buddy program.
Is your church participating in a missional network? If so, on what missions/ministries are you working?	Yes. Avery County Missional Network - funding local ministries
How are you actively going beyond the walls of the church to reach new people for Christ?	Relatively active. Pastor is also the Chaplain at Lees McRae College, a college adjunct teacher, Wesley Foundation Campus minister, and leads a Sunday evening worship service on campus.
What are the most challenging decisions facing your church in the next 5 years?	Seeking ways to engage with the community.
What goals has the church established to creatively address these issues?	Continue work with the District CVS and Mission Insite.
What is the general condition of your church facility, and are there any major needs?	Excellent condition. We need a way to secure more parking.
Describe your church's financial health.	Financially stable
How are decisions made in your church? Describe the balance between clergy leadership and lay leadership in the operations of your church.	The church operates with a One-Board Team. Lay leadership manages the day-to-day operations, and clergy manages the spiritual aspect.
In what ways and how often is your church facility used other than for worship?	We host two weekly AA Meetings. Scout and youth groups periodically stay at the church while skiing or doing mission work in the area.

How does your church participate in the connection of The United Methodist Church?	Part of the Missional Network, participate at Annual Conference, participate in Special offerings and with UMW.
How does your church relate to its neighboring churches inside and outside of the denomination?	We work well with the local churches on a variety of Ecumenical events, including an Easter Sunrise service, occasional healing services, and a candlelight service.
If you could change 2 things about your church, what would they be?	
1.	Find a way to secure more parking
2.	Find ways to connect with the community
Which of the following best describes your church: (1) Growing; (2) Stable; (3) Declining; (4) Struggling to survive. Why do you describe it in that way?	Stable

Appointments will "be made with consideration of the gifts and evidence of God's grace of those appointed, to the needs, characteristics, and opportunities of congregations and institutions, and with faithfulness to the commitment to an open itineracy. Open itineracy means appointments are made without regard to race, ethnic origin, gender, color, disability, marital status, or age, except for the provisions of mandatory retirement."
(2020/2024 Discipline, ¶425)

Church Information

Please go to your church dashboard at <https://www.wnccumc.org/dashboard> (<https://www.wnccumc.org/dashboard>) (you may have to log in again to the church dashboard), click on the "Church Information" left-side menu link, and be sure that all information on that page about your church and your parsonage are correct and up to date. Be sure to fill in all blank fields that relate to your church...especially worship & church school times, website, etc.

I have verified that my church and parsonage information is updated and correct.	Yes
Who has participated in completing the answers to the questions on this form?	Fritz Blumer, Peggy Harris, Grace Woody, Jim Alford, Leanne Cole, Ted Henry
Please list all members of the Pastor Relations Committee for your church.	Peggy Harris - Chairperson - Other members are the One Board Team -Lou McLean, Fritz Blumer, Jim Alford, Susan Staton, Grace Woody, Leanne Cole